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lobbyists. All they have to do is give a meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner, and everybody will go running over there to the lobbyists. When the dinner bell rings and the lobbyists are in control, bam, there they go. I'm going to turn my light on again. Or is that my third time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Second time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to speak for your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the Speaker, members of the Legislature, had not made his comment that was very mystical, mysterious, then I wouldn't be speaking now. But once I get put in that zone, it's difficult for me not to proceed. If you will turn on your gadget and look at what's before us, you will see that I have an amendment now pending. And my amendment does not go to trying to keep the lobbyists from feeding the senators. That's the quickest way for me to engineer a rebellion within my realm, and I don't want to do that. But what I would want us to do is consider very seriously these budget proposals that are being made. And just by way of tantalizing, I'm going to mention again, when we get to LB 425, I'm going to divide the question, first of all. That, I'm going to do. Other things that I could have done under the rules, I have not done. And I'm not going to tell you what those are, because you might run out here and try to change the rules. So I'll wait and let you hear what those things are at the time that I decide to make use of them. I have come to believe that the budget is a matter to which I should give attention. In years past, I would let the Legislature stumble and fumble its way through, and I would use the time that the budget was being discussed to work on other issues that I had to deal with. I still have an issue or two here and there that I feel I have to give my time to. But I'm looking at that budget now. The hand that feeds, does control. But the one who controls the hand that feeds, controls everything. There are more ways than one to exercise control. I'm going to use the rules. I'm going to use the infirmities that all human beings, more or less, are subject to, to try to